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Chapter 147:
Reaching You
Kyaah !!
YAAH!!
Take this Benigasha, you coward! Don't target Chikage-dono because she's frail and weak!!
oops
FRAIL AND WEAK ...?
HE HE HE... IT IS TRUE I MAY NOT BE THAT STRONG PHYSICALLY ...

But when it comes to smarts, I'm never outmatched!
What!?
Fu fu fu. Even if it's you, Mo-... Beni-yasha, it seems like you did not forsee that I was baiting you
I-I'll be damned...
Why did you catch me too?
You can't cut them, if you know.
Now then... it's time to find out what is the face behind that mask!
Aah!!
...Eh!? Why!?
I can't believe it's you...!!

Chapter 147:
Reaching You

I DIDN'T KNOW BIG SIS' WOULD BE BENI-YASHA...
DARN IT, I'VE BEEN CAUGHT.
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS!?
NO.
TO EXPLAIN TO YOU TWO, I HAD FOUND A LETTER WITH THIS COSTUME IN MY ROOM THIS MORNING. IN THIS LETTER, I WAS TOLD TO BECOME A FAKE AND FOLLOW ORDERS.
Fake!?
I DIDN'T EXPECT DECOYS TO BE SETUP... BENIYASHA HAS OUT-DONE US ONCE AGAIN.
Now that I take a closer look, the horn is different.
MORE-OVER, WHERE IS THE REAL BENI-YASHA RIGHT NOW!?
I DON'T KNOW. WHY NOT SOLVE THE CLUE?
DON'T SAY IT LIKE IT'S SO OBVIOUS -DEGO-ZARUYO

Hai-yaa-ah!!
HMPH!!
I-IKUTO-SAN IS LOOKING RATHER ENER-GETIC, ISN'T HE...?
I AGREE... EVEN THOUGH HE WAS DEAD ON THE GROUND EARLIER...
IT SEEMS LIKE THE TREASURE YOU SEEK FOR IS IN THE SHRINE OVER THERE.
HEH. SO IT IS.

If that's the case, it'll be my victory if I protect it until dawn!!
FUH, CAN YOU DO IT?
PEN PEN, LET'S GO HELP IKUTO-SAMA OUT!
WHAT !?
BUT I'M A BRAINIAC! I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FIGHT!
ARE YOU GOING TO LET GO OF AN OPPORTU-NITY TO GET INVOLVED IN THE STORY!?
OH...! YEAH, BUT, I DON'T KNOW...?

Kya-ah!?
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WHAT!?
EH? ISN'T THIS ONEE-SAMA'S ...?
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!? WHA-WHAT IS THIS? YOUR ATTIRE!?
THIS IS ONE OF ONEE-SAMA'S SHIKIGAMI FUSION SPELLS!!
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SERIOUSLY, MY SISTER USES ME WHENEVER SHE WANTS.
MEANING THAT YOU, AYANE-SAN, ARE GOING TO FIGHT IN YOUR SISTER'S PLACE.
SO BEFORE SHE WAS PUT TO SLEEP, SHE PLACED A SPELL-INFUSED TALISMAN ON ME, LEAVING ME TO THE JOB OF DEFEATING BENIYASHA IN HER PLACE.
ONEE-SAMA HATES LEAVING HERSELF DEFEATED TO THE LIKES OF BENI-YASHA.
I SEE NOW! OF COURSE ...
BLINK
WELL, WHY NOT? THIS'LL GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE TO FIGHT WITH...
Eh!?
RAWR!!
Revenge for Machi-chan!
A-AYANE-SAN!?

RAWR !!
WHA- WHAT'S HAPPEN- ING!? MY BODY IS MOVING ON ITS...!!
OOH !!
WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?
RAWR !!
DON'T ACT ON YOUR OWN!! LEAVE THE FIGHTING TO ME...!
RA- RAWR !!
HEY!!
HMPH!

STOP MOVING ME SO HAPHAZ-ARDLY!! MY BODY WILL BREAK IF YOU CON-TINUE!!
Ow ow ow
HMM, EVEN THOUGH I DO WANT SOME SPOTLIGHT, THIS ISN'T THE KIND OF INVOLVEMENT I'M UP FOR. I'LL SIT IT OUT.
RAWR RAWR !!
HEH, FLAILING LIKE A FOOL WILL NOT WIN A FIGHT!
HUH?
WHERE IS THE BOY...?
I AM NOT THE ONE FIGHTING HERE THOUGH.

!?
HE WAS UNDER MY CAPE...!?
YAAA-AH!!
GAH!!

!: BENI-YASHA, WE FINALLY UNMASK WHO YOU. .!?
NO...
カラン
YAY! YOU'RE AMAZ-ING, IKUTO-SAMA
WAIT!? KOKORO-SAN!?
MY. IT'S MY LOSS.
SO, KOKORO-SAN S BENI-YASHA!?
EEH!?
I'M SORRY TO SAY BUT I'M JUST A FAKE.
A LETTER CAME N, ASKING ME TO ACT AS A DECOY.
you know, a kage-musha
OH, SHE'S R GHT. THE BACK OF THE MASK HAS "FAKE" WRITTEN ON IT.
AND LOOKING CLOSELY AT THE HORNS, IT'S NOT THE SAME.
the real horns

YES, I DO NOT BELIEVE THERE WAS ANYTHING WRONG WITH IKUTO-SAN'S INSIGHT.
I-I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE CASE
IF SHE IS A DECOY... DO WE MISREAD WHAT THE CLUES WERE SAYING?
EH...?
THIS SCROLL. IF I LET THE MOON-LIGHT SHINE THROUGH IT I CAN SEE.
5-22-...2?
HM?
WAIT... A MOMENT. I FEEL LIKE I'M FORGETTING SOMETHING IMPORTANT...?
EH? EH?
WHAT'S WRONG?
Aah!! We've been played!!
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KAIRYUU ISLAND— THE TRUE KAIRYUU SHRINE
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ONLY THOSE ALLOWED TO ENTER IT MAY PASS!
THE LAND BEFORE YOU IS SACRED!
HOLD THERE!
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PLEASE, COME ON IN.
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FORGIVE OUR IGNORANCE, MACHI-DONO
OH, YOU WEAR THE SACRED RED COLORS OF A SHRINE MAIDEN!
OH MY.
WHAT AN UNUSUAL GUEST.
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AS EXPECTED OF THEE, YASHIRO-SAMA... IT HAS BEEN A WHILE. I AM SHIZUKA. THE OWNER OF THE WESTERN MANSION.
OH, YOU DO NOT PRESENT YOURSELF AS BEN-YASHA?
PLEASE FORGIVE MY RUDE ACT OF STEPPING ON THESE HOLY GROUNDS WHEN I AM NOT EVEN A RELATIVE TO THE SHRINE.
FU FUH. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE SO MANNERED.
RIGHT NOW, I AM BUSY. BUT I THINK I CAN TALK FOR A BIT.
YOU CAME TO ASK IN REGARDS TO "THE EYE OF KAIRYUU-SAMA," RIGHT

THAT BECOMES "I'LL STEAL THE TREASURE OF THE TRUE KARYUU SHRINE"!!
let's see
5-22-2 IS "SHIN" (しん) WHICH MEANS "TRUE". SO IF WE ADD THAT TO THE CLUES WE'VE HAD...
NOW THAT YOU SAY, WE COMPLETELY IGNORED THAT PART
AH ...!
I SEE. I WAS SUSPICIOUS AS TO WHY BENIYASHA HAD TAKEN AWAY ONEE-SAMA'S CLOTHES. BUT HE MUST HAVE KNOWN THAT TO ENTER THE TRUE KAIRYUU SHRINE YOU NEED TO WEAR SHRINE CLOTHES THAT ARE EMBEDDED WITH SPIRITUAL ENERGY.
The red shrine maiden clothes are embedded with energy
Beni-yahsa!!
Ah he's not perfectly in front of the moon
FUHA-HAHA-HA-HA!!
IT'S TOO LATE TO MAKE GUESSES WHEN MY DEED IS DONE, OH DETEC-TIVES!!

EH? THAT'S THE TREASURE?
Oh no!!
THIS "GOLDEN IDOL OF THE TRUE KAIRYUU SHRINE"!!
YOU ARE TOO LATE. I HAVE ALREADY TAKEN THIS...
Err
HE'S GOT THE TREASURE
EH? IKUTO-SAN!?
WHAT'S THE MAT-TER?
The night is not over just yet! If we capture you now and take back th-
SEEMS LIKE THE NUTRIONAL REMEDY I'VE GIVEN HIM HAS WORN OFF.
HE'S ALMOST LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON.
AR-ARE YOU ALRIGHT, IKUTO-SAMA!?
WELL, WHAT-EVER. IM GETTING TIRED AND SLEEPY~
REM-EDY!?

HE'S RIGHT ABOUT THE LAZY PART.
AAH, STANDING IS SUCH A PAIN.
THERE'S JUST A SIDE EFFECT WHEN THE REMEDY WEARS OFF, THE PERSON IS LEFT ALMOST POWERLESS AND LAZY.
SINCE THE YOUNG BOY THERE WAS LACKING ENERGY, I HAD HIM HAVE SOME OF MY SPECIAL REMEDY.

NAH, TOO MUCH WORK.
IKUTO-SAN: LET'S CHASE HIM AS YOU WERE SAYING!
AAH! WAIT!!
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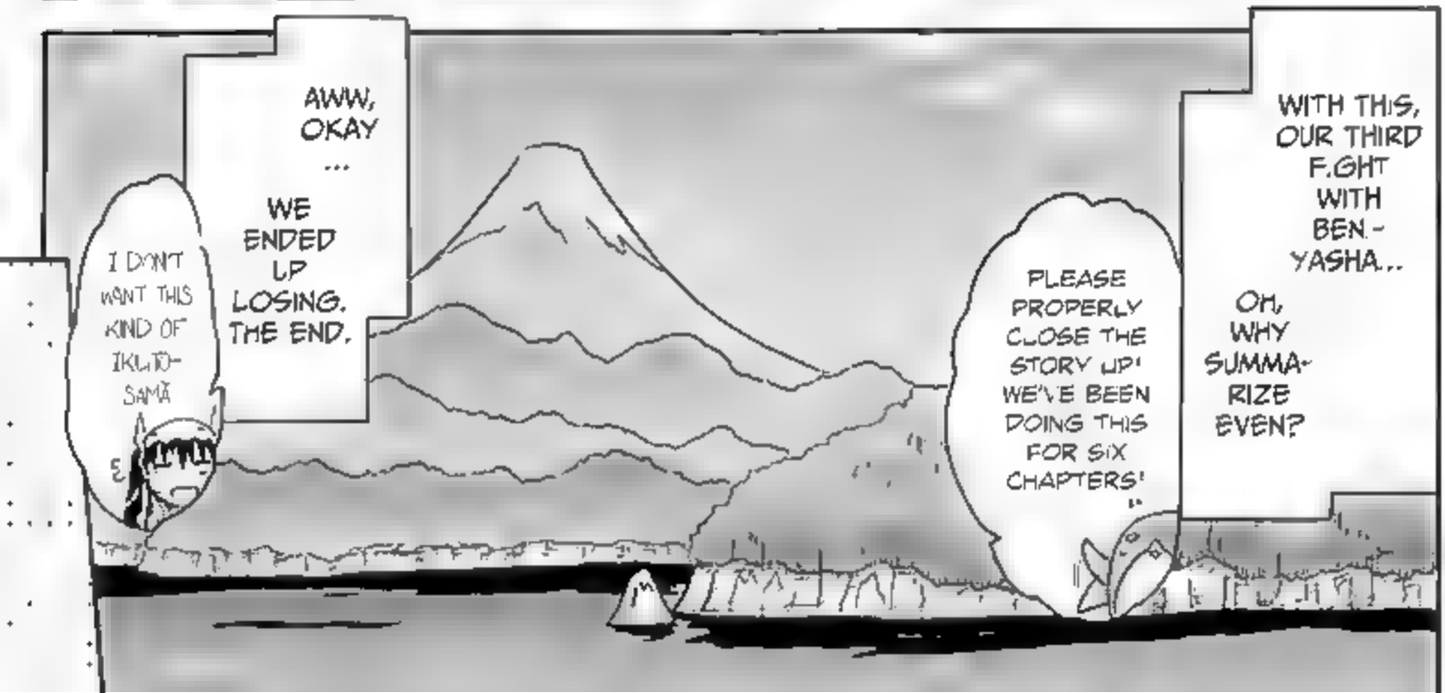
FU FU FU! THEN IT IS MY TIME TO SAY FARE-WELL!!
UNTIL THE NEXT FULL MOON!!


I DON'T WANT THIS KIND OF IKUTO-SAMA
AWW, OKAY ... WE ENDED UP LOSING. THE END.
PLEASE PROPERLY CLOSE THE STORY UP! WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR SIX CHAPTERS!
WITH THIS, OUR THIRD FIGHT WITH BEN-YASHA...
OH, WHY SUMMA-RIZE EVEN?

A WHILE AFTER ...
WOW. SO THESE BOOKS JUST SUDDENLY APPEAR ONE DAY?
THAT'S RIGHT. WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHO WROTE THEM.
FLIP
HOW-EVER...
Latest in the Benigasha series -Murder within the Village of Hunted Hunters-
I WONDER IF ONI-CHAN IS FRUSTRATED BY THIS OR ENJOYING IT. I CAN'T TELL.
NAH JUST THINK ABOUT IT. IT'S ENJOYABLE, BUT I CAN'T FORGET HOW WE WERE UTTERLY DEFEATED.
IT'S A FEELING YOU CAN'T EVER FEEL WITH ANY OTHER SERIES.
OH! LOOK! I HAVE A LOT OF PARTS ♡
IT SEEMS LIKE ANOTHER SUCCESS-FUL BOOK, MY LADY ♡
THANK YOU, PANAKO-SAN.
BUT. . I STILL FEEL UNSETTLED THAT THE CLAY DOL WAS THE FINAL TREASURE...
IS THERE SOME-THING GREAT ABOUT THAT DOL?
NO, I'VE NEVER HEARD OF IT BEFORE.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THIS WAS ALL PLANNED BY YOU, WASN'T IT?
AS EXPECTED OF YASHIRO-SAMA. YOU'RE PERCEPTIVE AS EVER.
MAYBE STEALING AN IDOL WAS NOT AN APPROPRIATE SUBSTITUTE FOR WHAT I REALLY DID
WHY YOU KNEW ABOUT "THE EYE OF KAIRYUU-SAMA"...
WELL, I WAS ALSO INTERESTED.
YOU KNEW THAT MACHI-SAN CARES NOTHING FOR BENYASHA HIMSELF, WHILE AYANE-SAN IS COMPLETELY ENGROSSED IN THE NOVELS
YOU PURPOSELY ADDED THE EXTRA LINE "TO THOSE AWARE OF THE EYE OF KAIRYUU-SAMA" IN AYANE-SAN'S LETTER...
YES, ABOUT THAT...
THUS, YOU EXPECTED MACHI-SAN TO TELL ME ABOUT THE LETTER
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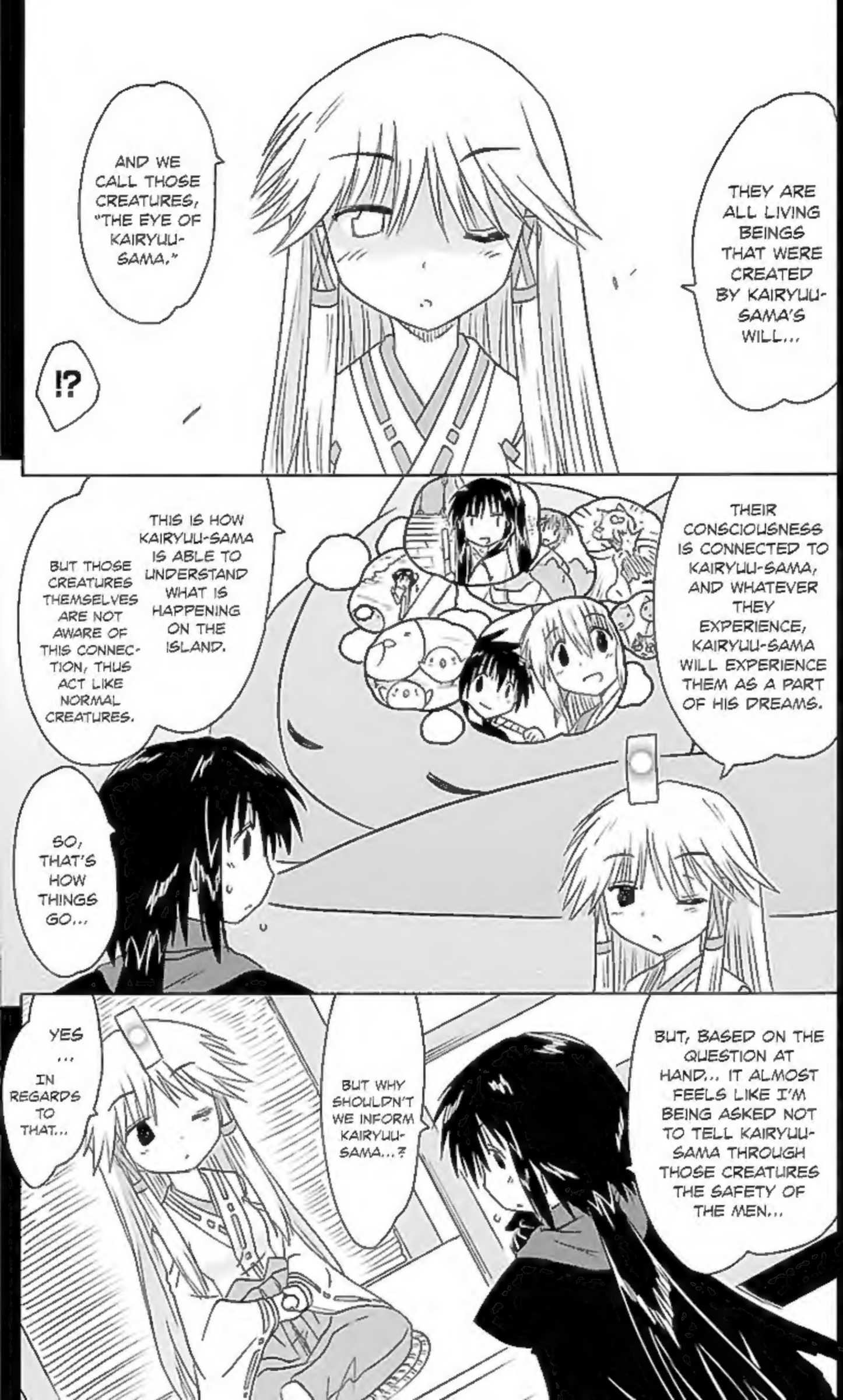
I SEE...
THE TRUTH IS, THIS BOOK FROM OUTSIDE THE ISLAND IS INLAID WITH CODE THAT RESIDENTS OF AIRANTOU WOULD ONLY KNOW OF...
JFUFU AS I SAID, YOU ALREADY UNDERSTAND IT ALL.

TL NOTE: THE FIRST CHARACTERS OF THE SHIMIZU SEIMARU PENNAME ("清" AND "正") COME TOGETHER TO SPELL OUT "KIYOMASA."
YES.
I'M STILL SURPRISED BY THE COINCIDENCE THAT IT REACHED ME THROUGH IKUTO-KUN.
I GET IT... HE WISHED FOR THAT BOOK TO EVENTUALLY REACH YOU, THUS HE WROTE IT...
S MY HUSBAND, KIYOMASA.*
BASED ON THE CODE IN THE BOOK, I LEARNT THAT ITS AUTHOR, SHIMIZU SEIMARU...
HE ASKED ME TO ONLY TELL THE ISLAND OF THEIR SAFETY ONCE I ASK YOU, YASHIRO-SAMA IN REGARDS TO "THE EYE OF KA.RYUU-SAMA."
WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY THIS?
IN REGARDS TO WHAT WAS ENCODED, I WAS INFORMED THAT ALL THE MEN WHO WERE WASHED AWAY ARE ASSEMBLING AT A SPECIFIC LOCATION. HE ALSO WANTED TO ASSURE ME THAT ALL OF THEM ARE ALL SAFE.
AND LASTLY
I AM AWARE OF THEM. WE COULD NEVER FIND THEIR PARENTS, WHICH WAS RATHER PECULIAR...
...I'M SURE YOU HAVE SEEN EVERY SO OFTEN ANIMALS AND YOUKA, THAT APPEAR SUDDENLY OUT OF NOWHERE, YES?


THEY ARE ALL LIVING BEINGS THAT WERE CREATED BY KAIRYUU-SAMA'S WILL...
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AND WE CALL THOSE CREATURES, "THE EYE OF KAIRYUU-SAMA."
THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS IS CONNECTED TO KAIRYUU-SAMA, AND WHATEVER THEY EXPERIENCE, KAIRYUU-SAMA WILL EXPERIENCE THEM AS A PART OF HIS DREAMS.
THIS IS HOW KAIRYUU-SAMA IS ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE ISLAND.
BUT THOSE CREATURES THEMSELVES ARE NOT AWARE OF THIS CONNECTION, THUS ACT LIKE NORMAL CREATURES.
SO, THAT'S HOW THINGS GO...
BUT, BASED ON THE QUESTION AT HAND... IT ALMOST FEELS LIKE I'M BEING ASKED NOT TO TELL KAIRYUU-SAMA THROUGH THOSE CREATURES THE SAFETY OF THE MEN...
BUT WHY SHOULDN'T WE INFORM KAIRYUU-SAMA...?
YES ... IN REGARDS TO THAT...

THE GREAT KAIRYUU-SAMA HIMSELF IS FEELING A DEEP SENSE OF GUILT...
EH? GUILT... ABOUT WHAT?
IT IS BE-CAUSE ...
HELLO, IKUTO-KUN.
IT SEEMS LIKE ONII-CHAN WAS IN A LOT OF NOSEBLEED-ING SITUA-TIONS...
OH, HELLO, SHIZUKA-SAN.
Hello
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MAY I ASK YOU A FAVOUR, IKUTO-KUN?
?
YES. WHAT WOULD IT BE?
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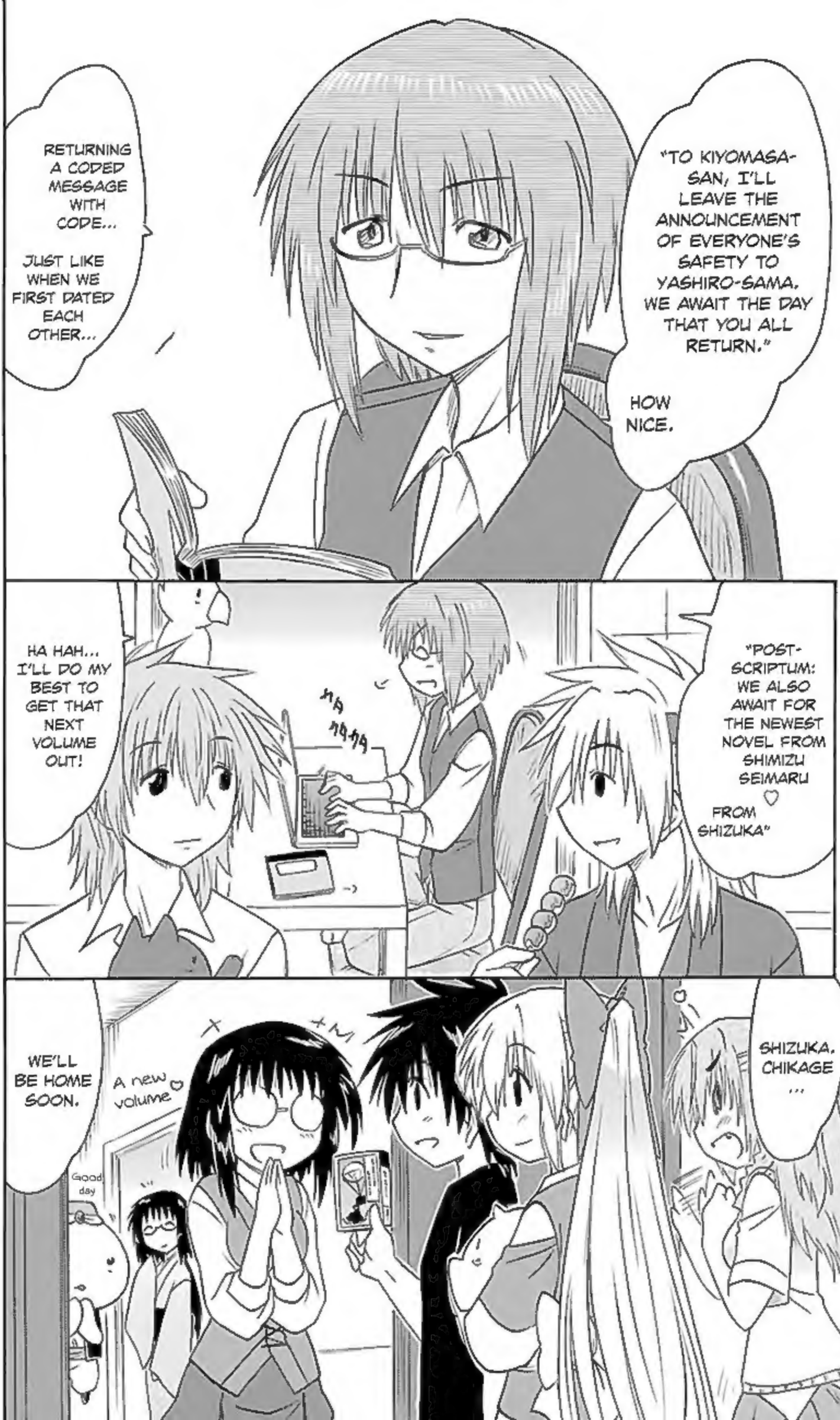
JAPAN, TOU-HOUIN RESI-DENCE
HEY, KIYO-SAN! I GOT YOU SOME SWEETS TO MUNCH ON.
TAKE A BREAK AND HAVE SOME TEA WITH US.
DON'T BOTHER HIM. KIYO-SAN JUST GOT INTO THE WRITING MOOD.
HUH? BUT HE WAS WORRYING ABOUT IT EARLIER, WASN'T HE?
THAT'S BECAUSE WE JUST RECEIVED A PACKAGE FROM IKUTO-KUN.
FROM IKU-TO-KUN.
OH, ANOTHER VIDEO LETTER?
NO, THAT BOOK THERE.
OH, HOW NOSTALGIC! ISN'T THAT A BENIYASHA NOVEL? MY WIFE REALLY LOVES READING THE SERIES!


RETURNING A CODED MESSAGE WITH CODE...
JUST LIKE WHEN WE FIRST DATED EACH OTHER...
"TO KIYOMASA-SAN, I'LL LEAVE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF EVERYONE'S SAFETY TO YASHIRO-SAMA. WE AWAIT THE DAY THAT YOU ALL RETURN."
HOW NICE.
HA HAH... I'LL DO MY BEST TO GET THAT NEXT VOLUME OUT!
"POST-SCRIPTUM: WE ALSO AWAIT FOR THE NEWEST NOVEL FROM SHIMIZU SEIMARU ♡ FROM SHIZUKA"
WE'LL BE HOME SOON.
A new volume ♡
Good day
SHIZUKA. CHIKAGE ...